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INSTITUTE OF GROUNDSMANSHIP

INDUSTRY AWARDS 2019

PAST WINNERS 2009-2018

2018 *Winners*

Toro Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Matthew Skingle**, Coventry City FC
Rigby Taylor/Top Green Young Grounds Person of the Year: **John Wright**, Southampton FC
AMS Volunteer Sports Grounds Team/Person of the Year: **Crowborough RFC**, East Sussex
National Governing Bodies' Community Sports Club Grounds Team/Person of the Year: **Stanningley Sports & Amateur Rugby League Club**, Leeds
Public Sector Sports Ground Team of the Year: **Gavin Jones Ltd** (Aspire Defence, Project Allenby/Connaught), Surrey
Bowling Grounds Team/Person of the Year: **Burleys** (Crouch Bowling Club, East Sussex)
SCH Supplies Best Managed Artificial Surface of the Year: **Scotstoun Stadium**, Glasgow
Ransomes Environmental and Ecology Strategy Award: **Forest Green Rovers FC**, Gloucestershire
National Governing Bodies' Professional Multi-Sports Ground/Facility Team of the Year: **Bath Recreation Ground**
Headland Amenity Professional Cricket Grounds Team of the Year: **Warwickshire CCC**, Edgbaston
John Deere Professional Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year: **Lingfield Park Racecourse**, Surrey
CubCadet INFINICUT Professional Tennis Courts Grounds Team/Person of the Year: **Devonshire Park**, Eastbourne
ICL/Syngenta Professional Rugby Football League Grounds Team of the Year: **Leeds Rhinos** (Leeds Rugby)
Kubota Professional Rugby Football Union Grounds Team of the Year: **Scottish RFU** (BT Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh)
SISGrass Professional Football Grounds Team of the Year (English Leagues 1 & 2, National League, National League North/South, Scottish Championship & Leagues 1 & 2, Ireland & Wales Professional Leagues): **Rotherham United FC**
SGL Professional Football Grounds Team of the Year (Premier League, Championship & Scottish Premier League): **Leicester City FC**
Redexim Charterhouse/Kubota University/College Grounds Team of the Year: **University of Leicester**
Growth Products Independent School Grounds Team of the Year: **St Joseph's College**, Ipswich
International Ambassador of the Year: **Jonathan Calderwood**, Paris Saint-Germain FC
Ransomes/DLF Johnsons Alex R Millar Award – chosen from the outstanding across all award categories: **Gary Barwell**, Warwickshire CCC
Special Recognition Award: **Mike Hunt** and **Adrian Morgan**, Lord's Cricket Ground
GrassMaster Solutions Lifetime Achievement Award: **Peter Dury**
GrassMaster Solutions Outstanding Achievement Award: **Carl Pass** (Head of Premier Pitches) and **Steve Prinn** (consultant and retired turf grass lecturer)

2017 *Winners*

Bowling Greenkeeper/Team of the Year: **Potters Bar Bowls Club**, Hertfordshire
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **Highfields Sports Complex** - The University of Nottingham
Innovative Project of the Year: **Forest Green Rovers FC**
Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Tara Massey**, Manchester City FC
Volunteer Sports Groundsman/Team of the Year: **Philip Swann** from the Bridge Trust Society, Birmingham
Grassroots Sports Grounds Team of the Year: **NPL Sports Club**, Teddington, Middlesex
Professional Cricket Grounds Team of the Year: **Durham CCC**
Professional Tennis Grounds Team of the Year: **Nottingham Tennis Centre**
Professional Football Grounds Team of the Year (A): **Bury FC**, Greater Manchester
Professional Football Grounds Team or the Year (B): **Leicester City FC**
Professional Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year: **Ripon Racecourse**
Professional Rugby Football League Grounds Team: **Castleford Tigers**, West Yorkshire
Professional Rugby Football Union Grounds Team: **Yorkshire Carnegie** (Leeds Rugby)
Professional Sports Grounds Team of the Year: **Manchester City FC**
Young Groundsman of the Year: **James Wood**, Manchester City FC
Independent School/University/College Grounds Team: **University of Surrey**
Private Members Sports Club Grounds Team of the Year: **The Queen's Club**, London
Contractor of the Year: **Premier Pitches**, Sheffield
International Ambassador of the Year: **Simon Gumbrill**, Stadium Grow Lighting
Special Recognition Award (Professional Category): **Paul Burgess**, Real Madrid CF
Special Recognition Award (Volunteer Category): **Peter Green**, Hanley Cricket Club, Holmfirth
Alex R Millar Groundsman of the Year: **Vic Demain**, Durham CCC
Lifetime/Outstanding Achievement: **Martin Ford**

2016 *Winners*

Professional Football Grounds Team of the Year: **Tottenham Hotspur FC**
Cricket Grounds Team of the Year: **Essex County Cricket Club**
Professional Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year: **Huntingdon Racecourse**, Cambridgeshire
Professional Rugby Football Union Grounds Team: **Ricoh Arena** (Wasps) Coventry
Professional Rugby Football League Grounds Team: **Leeds Rhinos** (Leeds Rugby)
Professional Tennis Grounds Team of the Year: **All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club**
Professional Sports Ground of the Year: **Wembley Stadium**
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Lewis Pattinson**, Leeds Rugby
Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Katie Croft**, Manchester City FC
Unsung Hero of the Year: **Paul Roberts**, Grayshott Cricket Club, Hampshire
Environmental ProjecVInnovation of the Year: **St George's Park**, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire
Contractor of the Year: **Premier Pitches**, Sheffield
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **University of Nottingham**
Independent School/University/Sports Ground: **The Hurlingham Club**, London
Bowling Green Groundsman/Team of the Year: **Burnham Hillside Bowls Club**, Essex
International Ambassador of the Year: **Stuart Wilson**, Croke Park, Dublin
Grassroots Sports Ground Team of the Year: **Rugby Town Junior FC**, Rugby
Volunteer Groundsman of the Year: **Lee Watson**, Clay Cross Town FC, Derbyshire
Alex R Millar Groundsman of the Year: **Neil Stubley**, All England Lawn Tennis

2015 *Winners*

Football Grounds Team of the Year: **Leicester City FC**
Cricket Grounds Team of the Year: **Sussex CCC**
Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year: **Nottingham Racecourse**
Rugby Union Grounds Team of the Year: **BT Murrayfield Stadium**
Rugby League Grounds Team of the Year: **Leeds Rhinos** (Leeds Rugby)
Tennis Grounds Team of the Year: **The Queen's Club**, London
Bowling Green Groundsman/Team of the Year: **St Ives Bowls Club**, Cambridge
Independent School/University Sports Ground Team: **Whitgift School**, Croydon
Grassroots Sports Grounds Team of the Year: **Beversbrook Sports Facility**, Caine, Wiltshire
Professional Sports Ground Team of the Year: **St George's Park**, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Ryan Powell**, Everton FC
Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Michael Crew**, The Hurlingham Club, London
Unsung Hero of the Year: **Ian Darler**, Cambridge United
Environmental Project of the Year: **St George's Park**, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **Manchester City FC**
International Ambassador of the Year: **Philip Sharples**, Azerbaijan
Volunteer Groundsman of the Year: **Loucas Xenophontos**, Hertford Town FC, Hertfordshire
Alex R Millar Groundsman's Groundsman: **Jim Dawson**, BT Murrayfield Stadium
Lifetime Achievement Award: **Bob Smith**, Derby County FC's Baseball Ground

2014 *Winners*

Volunteer of the Year: **Robert Stretton**, Aylestone Park FC, Leicester
Most Promising Sportsturf Student of the Year: **Dean Bryce**, Campbell Park, Milton Keynes
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Martin Stephenson**, Ashbrooke Sports Club
Grassroots Sports Grounds Team of the Year: **One Leisure**, St Ives, Cambridgeshire
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **St George's Park**, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire
Environmental Project/Innovation of the Year: **Forest Green Rovers FC**, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire
Spectator Sports Ground of the Year: **Goodison Park**, Everton FC, Liverpool
School, College, University or Sports Club Grounds: **Harrow School**, Middlesex
Professional Cricket Grounds Team of the Year: **Worcestershire County Cricket Club**
Professional Rugby League Grounds Team of the Year: **Wigan Warriors**
Professional Rugby Union Grounds Team of the Year: **Worcester Warriors**, Worcester
Professional Horse Racing Grounds: **York Racecourse**, North Yorks
Professional Tennis Grounds Team of the Year: **Edgbaston Priory Club**, Birmingham
Professional Football Grounds Team of the Year: **Manchester United FC**, Old Trafford
Alex R Millar Groundsman of the Year: **Tony Sinclair**, Manchester United FC
Lifetime Achievement Award: **Derek Walder**

2013 *Winners*

Professional Sports Ground Team of the Year: **Wembley Stadium**
Professional Cricket Groundsman of the Year: **Gary Barwell**, Warwickshire CC
Professional Rugby Union Groundsman of the Year: **Myles Landick**, Jersey RFC
Professional Rugby League Groundsman of the Year: **Jason Booth**, Leeds Rugby
Professional Tennis Groundsman of the Year: **Neil Stubley**, All England Lawn Tennis Club
Professional Football Groundsman of the Year: **Darren Baldwin**, Tottenham Hotspur FC
Professional Horse Racing Groundsman of the Year: **Adrian Kay**, York Racecourse
Spectator Sports Ground of the Year: **Etihad Stadium**, Manchester
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Ryan Golding**, Leeds Rugby
School, College, University Sports Club of the Year: **Stephen Fidler**, St James Independent Boys School
School, College, University Sports Club Grounds of the Year: **St Albans School**, Hertfordshire
Most Promising Groundscare Student of the Year: **Martin Stephenson**, Ashbrooke Sports Club
Grass Roots Sports Ground of the Year: **Beversbrook Sports Facility**, Caine, Wilts
Volunteer Sports Groundsman of the Year: **John Heyworth**, Aspatria RUFC, Cumbria
Environmental ProjecVInnovation of the Year: **The Harefield Academy**, Middlesex
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **One Leisure**, St Ives, Cambs
Alex R Millar Professional Groundsman of the Year: **Adrian Kay**, York Racecourse
Lifetime Achievement: **Len Smith**

2012 *Winners*

Most Promising Sportsturf Student: **Susan Lawrence**, University of Nottingham
Young Groundsman: **Luke Dodge**, Manchester City FC
Volunteer Sports Groundsman of the Year: **Rod Heyhoe**, Lightcliffe Cricket Club, Halifax
Grass Roots Sports Ground of the Year: **Stanley Park Sports Ground**, Chippenham
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **Swansea University**
School, College or University Sports Club Grounds of the Year: **King William's College**, Isle of Man
School, College, University Sports Club Groundsman: **Michael Hitt**, Kingston University
Spectator Sports Grounds Team: **Twickenham Stadium**
Professional Sports Ground Team of the Year: **Tottenham Hotspur FC**
Professional Football Groundsman: **Jonathan Calderwood**, Aston Villa FC
Professional Cricket Groundsman of the Year: **Mick Hunt**, Middlesex County Cricket Club
Professional Rugby Union Groundsman of the Year: **Keith Kent**, Twickenham Stadium
Professional Rugby League Groundsman of the Year: **Keith Porter**, Leigh Sports Village, Wigan
Professional Horse Racing Groundsman: **Shaun Reilly**, Huntingdon Racecourse
Professional Tennis Groundsman of the Year: **Neil Harvey**, The Hurlingham Club, London
Environmental ProjecVInnovation of the Year: **Forest Green Rovers FC**, Nailsworth, Glos
Alex R Millar Groundsman of the Year: **Keith Kent**, Twickenham Stadium
Lifetime Achievement: **Eddie Seaward**

2011 *Winners*

Grass Roots Sports Ground of the Year: **Heaton Sports Club**
Volunteer Sports Grounds Management Team of the Year: **Cleckheaton Sports Club**, West Yorkshire
Volunteer Sports Groundsman of the Year: **Keith Hughes**, Menai Bridge Cricket Club
Public Sector Sports Ground of the Year: **Sunderland City Council**
Public Sector Outdoor Facility of the Year: **Stanley Park Sports Ground**, Chippenham
Environmental Project of the Year: **Ashton on Mersey Cricket Club**, Cheshire
Professional Football Training Ground Team of the Year: **Manchester City FC**
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **Radley College**, Oxfordshire
Innovation in Grounds Maintenance: **GreenMech**, wood chipper
Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Adam Shoesmith**, Myerscough College, Preston
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Niall Hazelhurst**, Bolton Wanderers FC
Independent Schools & Colleges Sports Ground of the Year: **Charterhouse School**
Spectator Sports Ground of the Year: **York Racecourse**
Professional Sports Grounds Management Team of the Year: **Manchester City FC**
Alex R Millar: **Antony Haywood**, Chesterfield FC
Groundsman's Groundsman of the Year: **Les Gibbs**, Glamorgan University
Lifetime Achievement Award - sponsored by Everris: **Richard Campey**, Campey Turf Care Systems

2010 *Winners*

Alex R Millar Award: **Manchester City Football Club**
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year: **Manchester United's Carrington training ground**
Employer of the Year: **The Hurlingham Club**, London
Environmental Project of the Year: **Leamington Football Club**, Warwickshire
Groundsman's Groundsman of the Year Award: **Iain Main**
Grass Roots Sports Ground of the Year: **Leamington FC**, Warwickshire
Independent Schools & Colleges Sports Ground of the Year: **Shiplake College**, Henley-on-Thames
Innovation in Grounds Maintenance: **Flow Control (GB)**
Lifetime Achievement Award: **Keith Boyce**
Professional Sports Ground Management Team of the Year: **Tottenham Hotspur Football Club**, London
Public Sector Outdoor Facility of the Year: **Tameside Metropolitan Council**
Public Sector Sports Ground of the Year: **Bath Rugby Club**
Spectator Sports Ground of the Year: **Bolton Wanderers' Reebok Stadium**, Lancashire
Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Nicholas Staff**, Otley College, Suffolk
Volunteer Sports Groundsman of the Year: **Andy Spetch**, Bury St Edmunds RFC, Suffolk
Volunteer Sports Grounds Management Team of the Year: **Barnoldswick Town Football Club**, Lancashire
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Nick Phillips**, Tottenham Hotspur FC

2009 *Winners*

Groundsman's Groundsman of the Year: **Jonathon Calderwood**, Aston Villa FC
Spectator Sports Ground of the Year: **Headingley Carnegie Stadium**
Most Promising Sports Turf Student of the Year: **Iestyn John**
Lifetime Achievement Award: **Steve Braddock**
Young Groundsman of the Year: **Reece Watson**
Best Maintained Artificial Pitch of the Year Award: **Swansea University**
Public Sector Sports Ground of the Year Award: **Cramlington Learning Village and Sporting Club**
Grass Roots Sports Ground of the Year Award: **Blatchley Town CC**
Volunteer Sports Grounds Management Team of the Year: **Lisvane Cricket Club**, Cardiff
Volunteer Sports Groundsman of the Year Award: **Ian Reid** from Vipers RFC
Environmental Project of the Year Award: **Westminster City Council**
Independent School Sports Ground of the Year: **Shiplake College**, Henley-on-Thames
Professional Sports Grounds Management Team of the Year: **Liberty Stadium**
Employer of the Year: **Hampton School**, Middlesex
Innovation in Grounds Maintenance: **Cranfield University**
Public Sector Outdoor Facility of the Year: **Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council**